



Low Road and Windmill
Music Federation

Reading Newsletter

Hello, one and all! Wishing all our families a very happy new year; let's make 2022 one to remember!

During the second half of the Autumn term, we focused on reading at home. Thanks to the hard work of parents, carers and pupils, the improvement was incredible and showed a committed dedication to reading. Pupils who achieved at least four reads a week in this time, enjoyed a special afternoon as a reward for their efforts. For the rest of the academic year, it is imperative that we maintain the current level and hopefully show improvements where possible.

'Once you learn to read, you will be forever free.'
- Frederick Douglass

Low Road		3X weekly 1.11.21- 12.11.21	3x weekly 22.11.21- 10.12.21	4X weekly 1.11.21- 12.11.21	4X weekly 22.11.21- 10.12.21
	Number in class				
6W	22	18%	90%	5%	86%
5D	29	20%	82%	17%	78%
4G	23	43%	91%	26%	91%
3M	21	57%	90%	5%	90%
2B	24	58%	87%	17%	83%
1T	27	55%	77%	11%	81%

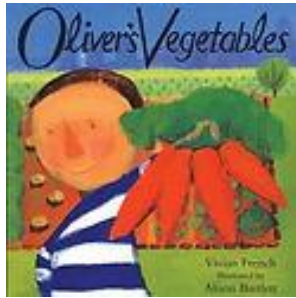
Windmill Class		3X weekly 1.11.21- 12.11.21	3X weekly 22.11.21- 10.12.21	4X weekly 1.11.21- 12.11.21	4x weekly 22.11.21- 10.12.21
	Number in class				
6A	28	7%	29%	7%	29%
6E	32	25%	31%	16%	41%
5B	33	45%	74%	39%	67%
5L	31	6%	26%	6%	17%
4M	24	50%	81%	33%	68%
4G	24	21%	51%	8%	44%
4B	22	27%	56%	23%	45%
3F	27	15%	44%	11%	31%
3L	27	0%	41%	0%	23%
2JP	28	25%	48%	11%	36%
2S	29	24%	44%	7%	30%
1W	29	7%	33%	0%	22%
1S	29	0%	33%	0%	20%

The data on the left shows each class's percentages of children reading at home. It is clear that there is a marked improvement. We strive for excellence at the Federation and would like to see all classes attaining 100%.



Friday 4th February - International Wear Red Day

This day is celebrated to raise awareness of being healthy. Sadly, one of the main causes of death can be heart disease. Educating ourselves about the importance of living a healthy life coupled with a balanced and varied diet could help prevent this from happening.



Oliver's Vegetables by Vivian French and Alison Bartlett

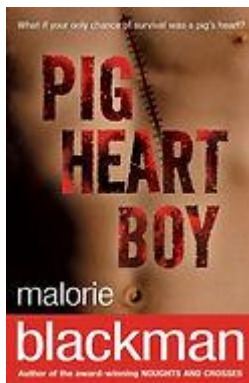
This popular picture book tells the story of fussy eater Oliver, who will not eat anything but chips. One day Grandpa sets him a challenge that helps him to learn to try new foods from the vegetable patch and Oliver is surprised by what he finds out.

Years 1 & 2

Years 3 & 4

The Digestive System by Emily Sohn

This is a funky graphic novel following the journey of food through the digestive system. It also comes with a glossary and links to websites with further information.



Pig Heart Boy by Malorie Blackman

This powerful novel from the award-winning children's author Malorie Blackman tells the story of a young boy called Cameron who suffers from heart disease. The novel deals with the contemporary issue of animal organ transplants and is a gripping read from the first page. Be warned this did make Mr Evans cry!

Years 5 & 6

Mr Evans Recommends

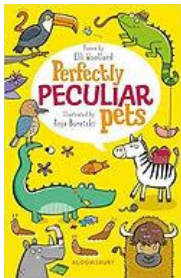
As you know, each day in class children are read to be their teacher. It is one of my favourite parts of the day. Hearing the gasps coming from the audience or the pin-drop silence that engulfs a classroom at particular point of a story makes reading to our pupils such a rewarding task. I've focused on poetry for my recommended reads. Poetry can bring stories to life in an imaginative, albeit different, way.

If you have any recommendations for great reads, then please do get in touch so you could be in the next newsletter!



Perfectly Peculiar Pets by Elli Wollard and Anja Boretzki

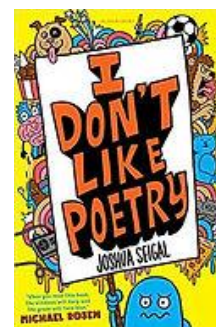
With a different pet poem for each letter of the alphabet (from armadillos to zebras via kookaburras to umbrella birds!), the poems are quirky and energetic, making them perfect to read aloud. Children will enjoy finding the poem that matches their name's initial or just dipping in and out of the rhythmical menagerie of verses.



Years 1 & 2

I Don't Like Poetry by Joshua Segal

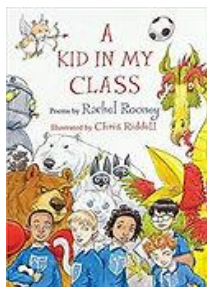
This collection of poems was shortlisted for the 2017 Laugh Out Loud Book Awards and it is not hard to see why, as each poem is designed to raise a chuckle. From the clever and witty to the downright silly, this imaginative collection of verses is likely to win over reluctant readers and be passed from pupil to pupil in LKS2 classrooms.



Years 3 & 4

A Kid in My Class by Rachel Rooney and Chris Riddell

A popular collection that captures the essence of primary school life through a series of poem portraits depicting different characters in a class, from the fidgety pup to the know-it-all (and even the class hamster gets a turn).



Years 5 & 6